

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application. The texts of the claims as listed are set forth on pages 3-5.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended).

Claim 2 (previously presented).

Claim 3 (currently amended).

Claims 4 and 5 (withdrawn).

Claims 6 and 7 (currently amended).

Claim 8 (previously presented).

Claim 9 (currently amended).

Claims 10 and 11 (previously presented).

Claim 12 (withdrawn).

Claims 13-16 (previously presented).

Claim 17 (currently amended).

Claims 18-20 (previously presented).

TEXT OF LISTED CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of binding an edge of a material without stitching the binding to the material, the binding to said material comprising a binding fabric adhered on at least one side with [[an]] double-sided adhesive tape, piping [[on both faces thereof, a welting material]] secured in a pocket formed by said binding fabric on one side of said binding fabric by folding over on itself, said binding fabric and said adhesive tape, and securing said material to be bound to said binding fabric by said adhesive tape extending from said binding fabric, the end of said material substantially abutting [[said]] a welt formed over said adhesive tape.

Claim 2 (previously presented). A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a bead of thermoplastic adhesive is applied in-between said material and the welt formed and over said adhesive tape.

Claim 3 (currently amended). A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bead of thermoplastic adhesive is pre-applied to said welt formed over said adhesive tape and subsequently bound to said material by melting of the thermoplastic adhesive by a heating means.

Claim 4 (withdrawn). A binding material comprising a fabric pre-applied with an adhesive and welting material pre-applied with second adhesive for abutting a carpet edge and permanently binding said welt to said carpet edge.

Claim 5 (withdrawn). A binding material comprising a fabric pre-applied with a first adhesive for temporary positioning said binding material so as to allow a welt to abut the edge of a carpet to be bound, said welt being pre-applied with second adhesive for abutting a carpet edge to allow a permanent bind between said welt and said carpet edge.

Claim 6 (currently amended). A method of binding an edge to a carpet which comprises the steps of: securing a piece of binding material to said edge so that it extends outwardly along one side of said edge; attaching said piece to an underside of said carpet so that said edge abuts said carpet; applying a bead of glue between [[a lower aspect]] the backing of said carpet and said edge; and permitting said glue to cure whereby said [[lower aspect]] backing of said carpet and said edge are bonded together.

Claim 7 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said piece of binding material is attached to the [[in]]underside of said carpet by disposing a planar material between the bottom of said carpet and said piece of binding material, said planar material having an adhesive on both sides thereof.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said bead of glue is composed of a thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 9 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said bead of glue is applied between the [[lower aspect]] backing of said carpet and said edge by a hot glue gun.

Claim 10 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said edge comprises binding material wrapped around a welt material.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said welt material is substantially circular in cross-section.

Claim 12 (withdrawn). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said welt material is substantially D-shaped in cross-section.

Claim 13 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, which includes the step of increasing an angle between said lower aspect of said carpet and said edge to receive

said bead of glue when said bead of glue is applied thereto and then decreasing said angle before said bead of glue has cured to produce a strong durable bond between said carpet and said edge.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein a protective material on the upper side of said planar material is removed before said planar material is secured by said adhesive to the bottom of said carpet.

Claim 15 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said edge comprises cord.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said edge comprises binding material which has been stitched so that it encircles a welt material.

Claim 17 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 8 [[10]], wherein a metal element is included within or against said thermal plastic adhesive, said thermal plastic adhesive being subjected to radiation which causes said metal element to heat and thereby melt the thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 18 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said edge comprises piping.

Claim 19 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said edge comprises a binding.

Claim 20 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said welt material consists of welt material which is substantially circular in cross-section or welt material which is substantially D-shaped in cross-section or a combination thereof.